

Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program Updates

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New Information

Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) fee collection by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will begin for Mendocino County. The counties of Glenn, Riverside, and San Benito have extended their AVA programs and DMV will continue to collect AVA program fees for these counties.

The AVA program in:

- Mendocino County (County Code 23) becomes **effective with May 1, 2014**, registration renewals and is scheduled to sunset (end) on April 30, 2024.
- Glenn County (County Code 11) which was scheduled to sunset (end) on March 31, 2014, has been extended until March 31, 2024.
- Riverside County (County Code 33) which was scheduled to sunset (end) on May 31, 2014, has been extended until May 31, 2024.
- San Benito County (County Code 35) which was scheduled to sunset (end) on May 31, 2014, has been extended until May 31, 2024.
- All other counties that currently have an AVA program will continue to participate and DMV will continue to collect their AVA fees. For the complete list of participating counties, see the *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual*, Appendix 1A at:
http://apps.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/reg_hdbk_pdf/app1a_county_and_city.pdf.

Procedures

Continue to collect and submit AVA fees for vehicles with a registration address or an allocated county status in an AVA participating county.

Business Partner Automation (BPA) program participants that process vehicle registration and titling transactions will continue processing applications as normal; programming will generate the correct AVA fees by county.

Background

A California city, county, or city and county may adopt an ordinance which establishes procedures for the abatement and removal of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles from private or public property.

To fund the AVA programs, vehicles registered or allocated in participating jurisdictions are assessed a \$1 AVA fee; an additional \$2 AVA fee is assessed on vehicles subject to the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act (CVRA).

DMV has received resolutions from Mendocino County to begin collecting the AVA program fees.

California counties may extend the sunset (end) date for their AVA program in 10-year increments. Glenn, Riverside, and San Benito Counties, including their respective local jurisdictions, have approved resolutions to extend their AVA sunset dates.

Distribution

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References

California Vehicle Code §§9250.7(h), 22660

Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual, Appendix 1A

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